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REMARKS

The above-referenced Office Action has been carefully reviewed and reconsideration thereof is respectfully requested.

Claim 20 has been rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Williams. Applicant respectfully traverses this ground of rejection in view of the above amendment and the following remarks.

Applicant's Claim 20 has been amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim that Applicant's illumination sources direct the light therefrom upwardly through the structural members. Williams, on the other hand, directs light sideways through lenses. "For a prior art reference to anticipate in terms of 35 USC 102, every element of the claimed invention must be identically shown in a single reference." *Diversitech v. Century Steps Inc.*, 7 USPQ2d 1315, 1317 (CAFC 1988). It is respectfully submitted that Williams fails this test as to Claim 20. Support for this amendment is found from inspection of Claim 1.

The reference to a blinking illumination source has been reinserted in Claim 20.

It is respectfully submitted that the portion of Williams to which the Examiner refers does not support the Examiner's contention.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the claims in the application, Claims 1-20, are allowable, and early action in that regard is respectfully requested.

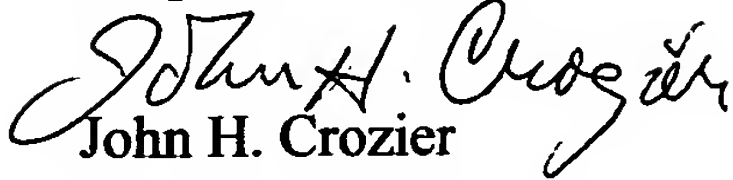
Should the Examiner have any questions as to the allowability of the claims or have any suggestions with respect to the wording thereof, the undersigned would be grateful for the privilege of a telephone conference with the Examiner.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John H. Crozier".

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AMENDMENT TO THE DRAWING

None.